

**AMENDMENTS**

TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part application of ~~Application Serial No. 09/124,339 filed July 29, 1998~~ U.S Patent No. 6,169,931 issued January 2, 2001, entitled~~[[,]]~~ "Method and System for Modeling, Predicting and Optimizing Chemical Mechanical Polishing Pad Wear and Extending Pad Life".--